DOUBLING OF ERNAKULAM-TRIVANDRUM LINE

874. SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH : Will the Minister of RAILWAY be pleased to state the details of progress made so far in doubling of Ernakulam-Trivandrum line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : On Ernakulam-Trivandrum section of Southern Railway, an alternative BG line has been proposed for construction between Ernakulam-Kayankulam. Of this Ernakulam-Alleppey (57 kms.) has already been commissioned on 15-10-1989. Alleppey-Kayankulam (43 kms.) is targetted for opening in 1991-92. When completed, it will provide two single lines between Ernakulam and Kayankulam-one via Alleppey and the other via Kottayam—the existing route. Doubling between Kayankulam and Quilon (41 kms.) was approved in the Budget for 1989-90 and the work already taken up. Doubling between Quilon-Trivandrum (65 kms.) has been included in the Budget for 1990-91. Completion of doubling on Kayankulam-Quilon-Trivandrum will depend upon the availability of resources in the coming years.

LINKING OF PUTTAPARTHI AIRPORT WITH OTHER AIRPORTS

875. SHRI GANGADHAR SANIPALLI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to link Puttaparthi Airport in Andhra Pradesh with any other airports; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

INSTALLATION OF COMPUTERS AT KOTA JUNCTION

876. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to instal computers at Kota junction; and

(b) if so, by when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

LPG CONNECTIONS FROM MP's QUOTA

877. SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether cooking gas connections have not been released to those in respect of whom orders had been issued by the Government from MP's quota during the year 1990-91 against their recommendations;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to take action in this regard; and

(d) if so, when ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (d) Some pending cases are being looked into.

[*English*]

BEED-PARLI VAIJNATH RAILWAY LINE

878. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the criteria adopted for sanctioning a new railway line;

(b) whether it is a fact that Maharashtra Government had recommended Beed-Ahmedabad-Parli Vaijnath railway line long back;

(c) if so, the reasons for not sanctioning the above railway line;

(d) whether the Government propose to raise funds for this project as in the case of Konkan Railway project;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) The National Transport Policy Committee (NTPC) in their Report submitted in May, 1980 had recommended the following criteria for new line projects.

(i) Project-oriented lines to serve new industries tap mineral or other resources.

(ii) To serve as a missing link which can form alternative routes to relieve the congestion on existing busy rail routes.

(iii) On starategic considerations.

(iv) As developmental lines to establish new growth centres or give access to remote areas.

(b) and (c) Government of Maharashtra had recommended Ahmedanagar-Bir-Parli Vaijnath new BG line project. However, as the survey carried out in 1990 has revealed inadequate traffic prospects and due to severe resource crunch faced by the Railways, the same could not be considered for taking up.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) While approving Konkan Railway Corporation the Ministry of Finance has laid down that no such Corporation would be formed during the 8th Plan.

[*Translation*]

INTRODUCTION OF NEW TRAIN ON *NARKATIAGANJ-BARAUNI* DIVISION

879. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce a new train on Narkatiaganj-Barauni section in view of heavy rush of railway passengers; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be introduced ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

ADDITIONAL TRAINS DURING KUMBHAMELA AT NASIK

880. DR. VASANT PAWAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to run additional trains to facilitate pilgrims during the ensuing Kumbhamela at Nasik; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The extra rush of traffic will be cleared by attaching additional coaches to regular trains and/or by running special trains to the extent feasible and justified.

KALVA-TURBHE RAILWAY LINE

881. SHRI RAM NAIK : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whehter the construction of Kalva-Turbhe railway line near Bombay has been completed;

(b) whether the Government propose to take over this line and commission it for goods traffic;